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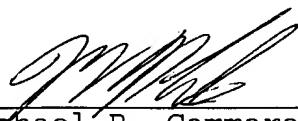
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CIENA Corporation, (hereinafter "the Assignee")

- residing at ,
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represents that it is the true owner of the entire interest of U.S. patent Application No. 09/777,774, filed on February 1, 2001, for "POWER BALANCED OPTICAL ADD/DROP MULTIPLEXER AND BALANCING METHODS THEREFORE" (hereinafter "above-identified application") by virtue of and as evidenced by an Assignment recorded at the United States Patent and Trademark Office at Reel 0323, Frame(s) 0326.

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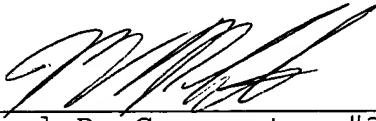
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